

Janoschka reduces share in SWG, Frankenberg

Kippenheim, 11 March 2015. Janoschka Holding GmbH will reduce its share in Sächsische Walzengravur GmbH (SWG). At the same time, both companies agree long-term cooperation in product development and manufacturing.

"Sächsische Walzengravur will remain a vital part of our global Janoschka network, which currently has 24 sites in 13 countries. One focus of our cooperation will be the jointly agreed development and innovation strategy," explains Alexander Janoschka, CEO and shareholder of Janoschka.

The reasons behind the share reduction relate primarily to the internationalisation of production capacities within the Janoschka network.

The two companies are consolidating their cooperation in the joint development of new future markets - especially in product innovation, which has been increasingly dynamic in previous years, with a focus on '3D/direct laser technology' and 'materials/engraving layers'. Both partners are placing particular emphasis on innovative printing and embossing dies, as increasingly used in the tobacco industry and in decor.

Jörg Günther and Volkmar Zschage, Managing Directors of SWG, also see a great opportunity in the change in shareholding: "SWG is now once again majority-owned by the family of the company founder, August Dippmann. The new direction of our partnership with Janoschka also gives us new strategic options, which do not exclude a further shareholding."

About Janoschka

Janoschka, headquartered in Kippenheim, Germany, has significant expertise in the prepress area and, with more than 1,400 employees plus an annual turnover of 119 million euros, is among the global market leaders in its sector. Specializing in the packaging, tobacco, security and decor market, renowned global printing companies and international brand owners count among Janoschka's client base. As a full service prepress provider Janoschka has a comprehensive product range and, based on a wide-ranging technical know-how and long-standing experience, offers printing tools for gravure and flexo printing, embossing rollers, artwork & reproduction, colour management, cylinder bases and much more besides. The company which was formed in 1976, and continues to be family-run, is represented globally through 24 subsidiaries in thirteen countries across Europe, Asia and South and Central America.

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About Sächsische Walzengravur / SWG

SWG's portfolio is oriented towards the requirements of the international market and covers the entire pre-press process. It begins in the digital phase with graphic work, including reproduction, and continues right through to the manufacture of printing formes for flexographic and gravure printing used in both the packaging and the decoration industries. Within the network, SWG is the key innovator in the R&D areas of form manufacturing, electroplating and materials. The history of SWG, based in Frankenberg, Germany, dates back to 1890. The company will celebrate its 125th company anniversary in June 2015. Janoschka has also been benefiting from the expertise of this company's 120 employees since 1991.

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